

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated April 12, 2011, the Examiner objected to claims 5, 17, 33 and 34, warned of a potential double patenting rejection of claims 33 and 37, and rejected claims 33 and 39 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Telephone Interview

A telephone interview was conducted between Supervisory Patent Examiner Joseph Woitach, Examiner Kelaginamane Hiriyanna, and Applicants' representative Melvin Robinson on May 23, 2011. During the course of the interview all issues raised in the final office action were discussed. An agreement was reached as to the resolution of each issue in the action. The Examiners agreed that the application is in condition for allowance upon the submittal of the agreed changes to the claims.

The claim changes presented in this response are identical to those discussed and agreed upon during the interview. As such, the present response places the application into condition for allowance.

Examiner Hiriyanna forwarded a courtesy copy of the interview summary to Applicants' representative following the interview in which is stated that the Examiners indicated during the interview that the amendments place the application into condition for allowance.

Applicants thank the Examiners for reviewing the issues raised in the action with Applicants' representative, for the agreement to allow the present application, and for the prompt courtesy copy of the interview summary.

Claim Objections

The claims have been amended as agreed during the interview to overcome the claim objections.

Double Patent Warning

The Examiners agreed that any double patenting rejection will be withdrawn. This is confirmed in the courtesy copy of the interview summary from the Examiner.

35 USC § 112, 2nd paragraph

The claim change agreed to during the interview have been entered, so as to overcome the rejection.

Conclusion

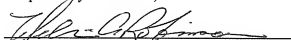
Each issue of the action has been addressed during the telephone interview and an agreement was reached that the changes discussed will place the application into form for immediate allowance. In view of the amendments to the claims and the telephone agreement with the Examiners, the Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention is in condition for allowance.

No other issues remain in this application; however, in the event that any issues are discovered as unresolved, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to work out a resolution.

Deposit Account Information

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or to credit any overpayment to account no. 501519.

Respectfully submitted,



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